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SUBJ: NORWEGIANS REQUEST US PARTICIPATION IN JUNE AIR POLLUTION
CONFERENCE

REF: 74 OSLO 5376

1. ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL ERIK LYKKE
CONTACTED EMBASSY TO SEE IF US COULD PROVIDE QUALIFIED
TECHNICAL EXPERT TO MAKE A PRINCIPAL PRESENTATION TO
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF ACID
PRECIPITATION WHICH MINISTRY IS SPONSORING IN OSLO
ON JUNE 14-19. CONFERENCE EMANATES FROM WORK OF ECE
ON ACID RAIN AND RELATES TO ECE SULFUR DIOXIDE MONI-
TORING PROGRAM. IT IS ONE OF NORWAY'S PRINCIPAL EN-
VIRONMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOLLOW-UP
ON CSCE ACCORDS.

2. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE IS TO INITIATE PROCESS OF
DEVELOPING AGREED INFORMATION ON AND UNDERSTANDING
OF THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF ACID PRECIPITATION. IT IS
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A FOLLOW-ON TO THE OSLO AIR POLLUTION CONFERENCE FOR

A EUROPEAN MONITORING SYSTEM FOR LONG RANGE TRANSMISSION OF AIR POLLUTION IN EUROPE (74 OSLO 5376) WHICH US (EPA) PARTICIPATED IN DURING DECEMBER 1974.

3. BECAUSE US HAS BROADEST BASE OF EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH EFFECTS OF SULFUR DIOXIDE, LYKKE IS ASKING US TO PROVIDE SPECIALIST WHO CAN ADDRESS JUNE CONFERENCE ON EFFECTS OF SULFUR DIOXIDE AND SULFATE PARTICLES ON HUMAN HEALTH AND THEN TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE DISCUSSION. NORWEGIANS ARE WILLING, IF NECESSARY, TO PAY PARTICIPANT'S TRAVEL AND LIVING COSTS. LYKKE SAYS HE HAS CONTACTED DR. JOHN NELSON, DIRECTOR OF EPA'S HEALTH EFFECTS RESEARCH LABORATORY ABOUT PARTICIPATION BUT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT NELSON CANNOT TAKE PART. HE HOPES THAT ANOTHER US EXPERT CAN MAKE THE PRESENTATION, WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN WRITING FOR PUBLICATION.

4. EMBASSY HOPES RESPONSIBLE US AGENCIES WILL GIVE REQUEST FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. THIS IS A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST OF NORWEGIANS AND ONE IN WHICH THEY HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO TAKE THE LEADERSHIP INTERNATIONALLY. US SUPPORT IS VALUABLE TO THEM; EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE OF EPA DR. JACK THOMPSON WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL AT 1974 OSLO CONFERENCE IN KEEPING TECHNICAL DISCUSSION IN FOCUS, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE US REPRESENTATIVE COULD, IN ADDITION, SERVE THIS FUNCTION AGAIN. MOREOVER, IT WOULD SEEM IMPORTANT THAT US EFFECTS DATA AND INTERPRETATION BE SET FORWARD TO FORM BASIS OF FURTHER INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MATTER.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST DEPT ADVICE ON US PARTICIPATION.
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